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Dear Pic and Friends:

I guess the time has come for Charlie and me to move on and right now we don't know for how long. We sold our house and approximately four acres yesterday and have thirty days to make room for the new owners. I get butterflies in my stomach when I think of going through thirteen years of collecting odds and ends and packing for storage. We plan to go to my home for part of the summer and from there your guess is as good as mine.

We always look forward to the Hibiscus Shows, but this year we will miss them unless we return early in the fall. It won't seem right not to have Hibiscus around us, but due to mother's illness we feel our place is with her for a while. She is getting along fine and the doctor says one more week of the cobalt treatments and whe may be able to leave them off. Fighting cancer is a terrible thing, but her morale is good and keeps happy all the time.

I con't know how to begin to thank you for my beautiful silver tray. I shall love it and cherish it all my life and that includes all my friends in the American Hibiscus Society. The wonderful cooperation given me while serving with you and Mr. Parnell was appreciation enough to put in anybodys little book, but I love you all so much for your kind thoughts and cooperation over the years in the A.H.S. and you can rest assured it will never be forgotten.

My address at home (After June 1st) will be P. O. Box 184, Lexington, N. C. My brother will always know where we are and how to reach us and I do hope as many of you as can will let me hear from you from time to time.

My every good wish to you and your wonderful family for the years to come.

Sincerely,
Billie S. Calais

511 Tasker St.
Ridley Park, Pa.

James E. Hendry Chapter
American Hibiscus Society
Ft. Myers, Florida.

Gentlemen:

A friend recently gave me a lovely hibiscus which she brought home with her from Florida. I have been giving it plenty of sun and water, but I really know nothing about the culture of this beautiful plant. When I read about your show, I wondered if you had any sort of literature or pamplets which you distribute, telling about the care of Hibiscus. If you do, I would certainly appreciate receiving such information.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Thomas Sandilands

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If some of our members can give Mrs. Sandilands some information on careing for Hibiscus in the North I am sure she would welcome a letter from you. - Ed.

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